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## IMPORTATION OF CATS AND DOGS INTO SINGAPORE FROM THE UNITED STATES

### NOTES TO APPLICANTS

The following is a summary of the veterinary conditions and procedures for the importation of dogs/cats into Singapore:

1. Import License.

An import license issued by the Primary Production Department, Singapore is required for each dog or cat. This license may be obtained by submitting the completed application form (Form AHS/39) to the City Veterinary Centre (CVC) at least two (2) weeks prior to importation. Issuance of a license is subject to availability of quarantine space for dogs/cats from countries other than UK, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand.

2. Veterinary Health Certificate.

Every dog or cat imported into Singapore must be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a registered veterinarian of the country of export certifying that the "the animal was examined within the week of export and found healthy and free from any signs of infectious or contagious disease."

3. Import Procedure.

The owner or his agent must notify the Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit (CAPQ) of the confirmed date and time of arrival of the animal at least one (1) working day before arrival. After completion of the documentary formalities with the airline's agent, the dog/cat shall be examined and released, or quarantined.

4. Dog/cat from other countries.

On arrival the dog or cat shall be examined and taken to the Jurong Animal Quarantine Station (JAQS) where it shall be vaccinated against rabies by the quarantine officer and thereafter quarantined for not less than thirty (30) days. The quarantine period will be longer for puppies and kittens under 4 months of age. Fee for rabies vaccination is \$11.00 per animal, transport charge is \$45.00 per cat, \$60.00 per dog, and quarantine is \$6.00 per cat/day and \$7.00 per dog/day including feed.

5. Visit During Quarantine.

The JAQS is about 50 km from the Changi Airport and 30 km from the city. Owners with prior approval from the Officer-in Charge may visit their pets between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays, except public holidays.

6. Shipping Procedure.

When preparing animals for shipment, care should be taken to ensure that the animals are held comfortably in the suitable escape-proof containers or cages. Specifications of the containers should at least conform to IATA standard or of similar acceptable standard which will not cause any injury

or unnecessary suffering to the animals during transportation. The animals should be shipped as manifest cargo.

7. Dog License.

All dogs above 3 months of age in Singapore must be licensed. The license fee is \$10.00 for a male dog or sterilized female dog and \$50.00 for a female dog. If your female dog has been sterilized you must produce a sterilization certificate issued by your veterinarian with full description of the dog otherwise the higher fee will be applied. Only one approved breed dog is allowed in HDB dwelling units, no dogs allowed in other HDB premises and not more than 3 dogs in other premises.

8. All fees (and regulations) are subject to change. The number at the top right hand corner of this page gives the month and year of issue of this form.

9. Enquiries may be made at the following addresses:

9.1 City Veterinary Centre (CVC), 40 Kampong Java Road, Singapore 0922, Tel: 2511203, Fax: 2549853, Telex: RS 28851 PPD.

9.2 Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ), Changi Airport Cargo Complex, Singapore 1781, Tel: 5457522/3, Fax: 5453023.

9.3 Jurong Animal Quarantine Station (JAQS), 53 Jalan Buroh, Jurong Town, Singapore 2261, Tel: 2650622, Fax: 2650784

Sample - not to be used

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO IMPORT  
DOG/CAT

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The completed form may be submitted personally or by post to the Director of Primary Production,  
City Veterinary Centre, 40 Kampong Java Road, Singapore 0922.

Name and Address of Owner/Importer (BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Country of Export \_\_\_\_\_ Mode of Transport \_\_\_\_\_

Flight No./Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Description of dog/cat

Species	Dog/cat*	Dog/cat*	Dog/cat*
Breed			
Sex			
Age			
Color			
Name (if any)			

\* Delete where not applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

Name, Address, and Tel No. of local contact/agent if different from above (if any)

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NB. The fee is \$35/-per dog or cat. Cheque/Draft to be made payable to Director of Primary Production. Overseas applications should be accompanied by bank draft payable to a local bank in Singapore dollars.

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**Cheque No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved/Not Approved** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount** \_\_\_\_\_ **Issued** \_\_\_\_\_

**Received by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Recorded** \_\_\_\_\_